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Philadelphia, Friday, November 24, 1916. Good manners and soft words have brought many a difficult thing to pass.—Vanbrugh.

Do your Christmas groping early. What's the Constitution between Democrats? As a prophet Colonel George Harvey is an excellent editor.

Why call them tax experts? Are they not really, for the most part, merely tax-fixers? The consensus of opinion among fans is that before having three major leagues it would be wise to have two.

Francis Joseph was not far removed from the Napoleonic era. The sister of his father was the wife of Napoleon. Although the country elected Mr. Wilson, we suspect that it would have voted overwhelmingly in favor of letting Mr. Hughes name his Cabinet.

Perhaps the Colonel is going to the South Seas to discover whether the charge that during the campaign he talked like a Fiji Islander is true. The submarine blockade must be broken or it will break us.—London Daily Mail.

This will be pleasant reading in Berlin. Conditions must be gathered had when a great nation has to take an inventory of available potatoes. Doubtless England feels that the Irish ought to rebel less and plant more.

It appears that the country is afflicted with a shortage of nickels. Maybe that is why visitors always get lead ones for change in the New York subway. That cleaning up of the vice situation, which it was promised last summer would occur within a few days, has not occurred yet. Reform in so many cases is entirely verbal.

It is reasonably certain that the Germans have shipped parts to Constantinople and there assembled a large number of submarines. It is not improbable that they will soon become active in the Black Sea, and that they are active in the vicinity of Greece has already been simply demonstrated.

Exploring is not all hardship and poverty. Word comes from the North that Stefansson has discovered and preempted copper deposits in the Arctic large enough to supply all the needs of the world and has become rich beyond the wildest dreams of avarice or the chair warmer who takes his riches out in dreaming.

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THE GOVERNOR MUST ACT CERTAIN phases of the insurance situation in Pennsylvania, as exposed in the articles appearing in the EVENING LEDGER, already approach the aspect of a public scandal.

An exhaustive investigation by the State can no longer be averted. There is something rotten in Denmark, and there must be a thorough cleaning up. No suspicion must attach to sacred insurance funds.

Even the efficiency and honesty of the State Insurance Department have been attacked. We call upon the Governor to act. We urge that a legislative investigation be begun. We suggest that Charles Evans Hughes be summoned to serve, if necessary.

JACK LONDON, dead at forty, brought us a message of the intense value of bare life. He saw just one thing clearly, the world of difference between a live mouse and a dead king. It was always with him the desperate struggle for a foothold on the precipice of existence—the starving man fighting the starving wolf, each wanting to eat the other.

BE FAIR TO THE SOUTH THE overrepresentation of the Southern States in Congress and in the electoral college is bad enough at the best, but it is not so bad as some Northern newspapers are attempting to prove.

THE Leavenworth Times finds that 326 Southern States, with thirty-five electors, polled no more votes than were cast in Kansas, with ten electors. Yet their white voting population would entitle them to twenty electors on the Kansas basis.

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FROM three to four thousand tons of freight originate in Philadelphia monthly for shipment to South American ports served by the new direct line from this port, yet the official organ of the Chamber of Commerce in its issue for October, under the heading, "Must Force Success of S. A. Line," says that "the line is not receiving the tonnage it should from Philadelphia manufacturers."

HOW TO GET THE SANCTION OF SENATOR CHAMBERLAIN, of Oregon, intends to ask Congress to pass a constitutional amendment providing for popular election of Presidents. The proposition properly comes from the home of the initiative and referendum.

THE New York Idea? The method resorted to by the blackmailers was so simple as to be deadly. New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Washington, Boston and cities of lesser size were inspected for "likely prospects."

Tom Daly's Column McAroni Ballads LIX "EIGHTA HOUR'S ENOUGH" Dere's a follow—name ees "Tony"—Dat ees just a tazzaroni

First, you know, eet was da war Breeng dees Tony to our shore. Not for anda work he com—No, he's work at home he com

Outside a little shop on Bainbridge street is the sign: ADAM GOOD SHOEMAKER I have patronized him a few times and have found him to be all his sign claims.

Consistency, thou art a Mule. Example: The laws of the Commonwealth set forth with some clearness that motor vehicles must display certain lights.

CLAYTON MOORE reminds us of an interesting character of the town twenty years ago. George Washington Dasch kept a place of bibulous refreshment on Market street back of the Postoffice.

DO NOT BE A KNOCKER And Then You'll Have Friends If your neighbor is prosperous, let him prosper. Don't grunt, growl or grumble. Say a good word for him and let it go at that.

WHY BE THANKFUL? To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—Mayor Smith shows his marvelous optimistic capabilities in his Thanksgiving address of recent date.

Aftermathers HENLEY It matters not who may entreat, I won't fors-ter; I hate such roles. I am the master of my feet. I am the captain of my soles.

STARVING TO BE NEUTRAL To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—The stand of certain newspapers on the proposed embargo question is interesting.

Blue Laws H. W.—The term "Connolly's blue laws" has generally been applied to a set of laws passed by the general court in New Haven in 1814, forbidding work after the Sabbath.



THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE Librarian Jordan, of the Historical Society, Discusses the Betsy Ross Legend—Cynical Comments on the Mayor's Thanksgiving Proclamation

ing of the Pilgrims. The members of the New Haven court were Puritans. There was a period of severe penalties, and even Virginia had a law, passed in 1610, providing that "what man or woman soever shall rob any garden, public or private, being set to weed the same, or willfully pluck up therein any root, herb or flower, to spoil and waste or steal the same, or buy any vineyard or gather up the grapes or steal any ears of corn growing, shall be punished with death."

What Do You Know? Queries of general interest will be answered in this column. Questions, the answers to which cannot be obtained from other sources, are asked daily.

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz 1. "Medicine" is the name of the "Medicine" factory, and the one in the "Vare" factory.

Hunting Licenses E. S.—(1) City and county treasurers are empowered to issue State hunting licenses. (2) It is not lawful to hunt on Sunday. (3) The cost of a small game license is \$1 for a resident, \$10 for a non-resident.

REMEMBER—33 TIMES MORE The Unexpected—almost the Impossible—has happened, for which thanks are due to Mr. F. Ray Comstock, the theatrical manager, who is one of the owners of the great musical comedy success, "Very Good Eddie," scheduled to open at the Adelphi Theater in Philadelphia on December 4th.

MAD AS ANTHONY The town of Wayne, Pa., is very indignant over the satirical remark made by an automobile driver who had set his speed limit at forty-five miles. The authorities arrested him for racing through the town and he said he didn't see it.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

CHESTNUT ST. OPERA HOUSE TWICE DAILY 8:15 and 9:30 Evenings and Saturday Matinee, 2:30 to 5. OTHER MATS., 2:30 to 5. LAST 8 DAYS

A DAUGHTER OF THE GODS THE PICTURE BEAUTIFUL WITH ANNETTE KELLERMANN

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HIT-THE-TRAIL HOLLIDAY With FRED NIBLO and Entire N. Y. Cast BROAD—Last 2 Evgs., Last Mat. LAURETTE TAYLOR

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